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This Town Report is dedicated to

David E. Schaffer
Town Moderator
1974-2004

*in appreciation for his
thirty years of skillfully and thoughtfully
leading the Town through our annual meetings*



Thank you, David.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
FRANCONIA, NH

INCLUDING REPORTS OF THE
Water Commissioners
Abbie Greenleaf Library
Chamber of Commerce

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2004

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carl I. Belz	(Term expires 2005)
Ramesh P. Dave	(Term expires 2006)
Ronald J. Taksar	(Term expires 2007)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Patricia M. Clark (2007)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2005)

MODERATOR

David E. Schaffer (Resigned)
William L. Mead, Sr. (Appointed)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Knowlton (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER

Susan Kurtz (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Carol Cunha/Neil Stafford (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Roger Odell (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

William Downey	(2005)
Marcia Graham	(2006)
Richard McLachlin	(2007)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Harriet Taylor	(2005)	Sharon Penney	(2006)
Nancy West	(2005)	Barbara Belz	(2007)
Tom Allen	(2006)	James Cunningham	(2007)
Bernardette Costa	(2006)		

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tom Eyman	Franconia (2005)
Steve North	Easton (2005)
Tina Peabody	Franconia (2005)
Linda Gaitskill	Sugar Hill (2006)
Mark Simpson	Sugar Hill (2006)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Annette Marquis	Bethlehem (2005)
Bob Patterson	Lafayette (2005)
Tina Peabody	Lafayette (2006)
Mary Pat Simmons	Bethlehem (2006)
Bill Brown	Bethlehem (2007)
Jim Colongeli	Lafayette (2007)
Leonard Malenowski	Bethlehem (2007)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

John LeFavour	(2005)
Elise Drake	(2006)
J. Bradley Smith	(2007)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Eleanor A. Ackley (Resigned)	(2006)
Karen Moore	(Appointed)
Angelo Costa	(2008)
Kathleen Mead	(2010)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative
Harriet Taylor, Library Representative
Elise Drake, Church Representative

PLANNING BOARD

Earle Collins	(2005)	Carol Wills	(2006)
Steve Heath	(2005)	Sybil Carey	(2007)
Ron Taksar – Selectmen’s Rep	(2005)	Sharon Penney	(Alternate - 2005)
Bernardette Costa	(2006)	Mary Grote	(Alternate - 2007)
Steve Plant	(2006)		

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Bernardette Costa – Planning Bd	(2005)	Mary Fowler	(2007)
George Roorbach	(2005)	Christopher Harris	(2007)
Timothy Brown	(2006)	Kiesha Luce	(Alternate - 2006)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Richard Bennink	(2005)	Elizabeth Welch	(2006)
Kim Cowles	(2005)	Kathryn McCarthy	(2007)
Mary S. Grote-Planning Board	(2005)	J. Bradley Smith	(2007)
John LeFavour	(2006)		

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Easton

Mike Kenney
Brian Canelas

Franconia

Jeffrey J. Malcolm (2005)
Kim Cowles (2006)
William McCarthy (2007)

Sugar Hill

Gordie Johnk
Jean Serino

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending December 31, 2004

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$ 949,682.83
Investments – NH-PDIP		150,855.19
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$234,464.91	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>51,119.73</u>	
		285,584.64
Other Accounts Receivable		
Town of Easton	2,460.30	
Franconia-Mittersill Water Dept	285.50	
Engineering Fees	<u>100.00</u>	2,845.80
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Spec. Revenue Fund	6,950.00	
Trustees of the Trust Fund	<u>3,620.00</u>	10,570.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,399,538.46

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable – 2004		4,216.08
Due to Other Governments		
State Education Tax		19,040.00
Due to Other Funds		
Transfer Station Spec. Revenue Fund		15,438.59
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	579,303.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	443,698.00	<u>1,023,001.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,061,695.67

FUND EQUITY

Unexpected Articles		
1988 Article 10 – Shared Services		1,349.52
Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance		336,493.27
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>337,842.79</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$1,399,583.46

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

High on the Selectmen's "to do" list, this past year has been the job of reevaluating the plan for renovating and expanding the Town's Safety Services Building. The message we heard following last year's town meeting – from citizens and Town Employees alike – was that the scale and cost of the original plan were unnecessarily ambitious and had come before the legislative body too quickly for due deliberation and discourse. Accordingly, we returned to the drawing board and came up with a scaled-down project that at the same time meets the physical needs and safety requirements of the police and fire departments and the rescue squad, and we adopted a more proactive information program in an effort to heighten awareness of this vital issue on its second time around.

The town's prudential and administrative affairs were, as you would expect, always on our minds. Pursuant to our duty in the prudential arena, we instituted quarterly budget reviews with department heads in order more effectively to monitor expenditures, and we regularly consulted the newly-activated Capital Improvement Plan committee – it had been authorized at town meeting in 2003 – in an effort to maintain and project stability in that sector of the annual operating budget. Regarding administration, town policies represent an ongoing goal. Town sexton Jeff Phillips crafted guidelines for cemetery visitors, road agent Scott Knowlton formulated our first snow removal policy, and the select board itself is working on policies concerning hiring procedures and employee rights. Though largely invisible, these activities aim seriously to ensure an impartial, uniform approach in overseeing the town's business, its personnel, and the valued services they so ably provide.

More visible would be the Franconia Life Squad's closely analyzed transport proposal, whereby they would not only respond to persons in need but would transport them to hospital when necessary, thus raising the professionalism of the department – and enhancing its recruitment efforts – while also enabling it to achieve financial self-sufficiency. Visible, too, will be the Recreation Program's plans to level and fully groom the Dow Strip – to expand both warm-up and practice space – and to replace the aging playground equipment now there. For the latter, director Kris Germain has already secured a matching grant, an effort for which she is here lauded. And the beat goes on, for you've surely noticed our new street signs and our highway improvements, not to mention the trim appearance of our buildings and grounds or the welcoming demeanor of our administrative staff at Town Hall. So, for contributions visible and invisible alike, the selectmen are genuinely grateful to our Franconia town employees – they sure do everything they can to help us look good.

Town of Franconia, Board of Selectmen
Ronald J. Taksar, Chairman
Ramesh P. Dave, Selectmen
Carl I. Belz, Selectmen

FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING – MARCH 9, 2004

Moderator David Schaffer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator announced that the polls would be temporarily closed, to be reopened shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow all those who had not voted to do so.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE I: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Ballot)
239 Ballots Cast

Selectman (1-Year Term):	Carl Belz	207
Write-ins:	Tim Stephenson	2
	Jim Hamblin	1
	Robert Gilbert	1
	Ken Ford	1
	Steve Heath	3
	Carol Walker	1
	Ray Holland	1
Selectmen (3-Year Term):	Ronald J. Taksar	173
	Tim Stephenson	61
Write-in:	Jim Hamblin	3
Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	Patricia M. Clark	226
(3-Year Term)		
Moderator (2-Year Term):	David E. Schaffer	216
Write-ins:	Bill Mead	2
	Ned Densmore	2
	Steve Heath	1
	Robert Gilbert	1
Treasurer (1-Year Term):	Tina Peabody	220
Supervisor of the Checklist:	Kathleen Mead	221
(6-Year Term)		
Trustee of the Trust Fund:	J. Bradley Smith	210
(3-Year Term)		
Write-In	Ken Ford	1
Library Trustee (1-Year Term):	Nancy West	216
Library Trustee (3-Year Term):	Barbara Belz	174
Two Vacancies	James Cunningham	176
Water Commissioner (3-Year Term):	Richard McLaughlin	217
Write-ins:	Scott Herbert	1
	Chuck Herbert	1
	Dave Hunt	1
	James Brown	1

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000.00 (gross budget) for the addition and equipping of the Safety Services building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$453,000.00 of notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize

the selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$197,000.00 from the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund created for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3-ballot vote required).

The article was read moved and seconded. Ken Mosedale spoke to the article giving background information on the committee that was formed to address this article. Jim Hamblin and Bill Campbell spoke about the committee findings and the new building proposal. Mark Montminy, Chief of Police, Roger O'Dell, Chief of Fire, and Dean Wright, Life Squad, addressed the article stating the needs of each department.

There was a recess at 8:00 p.m. to re-open the polls. They remained open until 8:10 p.m., when all who wished to vote for the election of officers had voted. Polls were then closed and the meeting resumed.

After much discussion, the article was called to a vote. After those assembled had voted, the meeting resumed with the polls remaining open for an hour. After the hour the votes were counted and the result was:

Yes – 99 No – 79

Article 2 did not pass because it required a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Budget Committee in accordance with RSA 32:14-24. Said budget committee to consist of four (4) at large members, and these members shall be elected by the town. (By petition) (Majority vote by ballot required).
David Schaffer motioned to delete “Said budget committee to consist of four (4) at large members, and these member shall be elected by the town”. The amendment was motioned and seconded and passed by voice vote.

The article was reread, motioned and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. There was a motion and a second to table the article.

Yes – 104 No – 26

The article was tabled with more than 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	\$84,049.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	20,165.00
Financial Administration	35,403.00
Revaluation of Property	17,480.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	8,320.00

General Government Buildings		62,733.00
Cemeteries		11,171.00
Insurance		6,402.00
Advertising & Regional Associations		12,358.00
(Chamber of Commerce)	10,000.00)	
(North Country Council)	1,665.00)	
(Regional Airport)	693.00)	
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police		\$249,478.00
Ambulance		5,175.00
Fire		66,395.00
Life Squad		10,000.00
Forest Fire		5,085.00
Dispatch Phone Lines		21,580.00
(Franconia's Share)	20,230.00)	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		267,580.00
UTILITIES		15,000.00
HEALTH & HOSPITALS		6,767.00
(North Country Home Health)	2,178.00)	
(White Mtn. Mental Health)	1,267.00)	
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens)	1,050.00)	
(Littleton Regional Hospital)	1,500.00)	
(Health Officer)	200.00)	
(Hospice)	572.00)	
WELFARE		7,500.00
(General Assistance)	6,000.00)	
(CAP)	1,500.00)	
CULTURE & RECREATION		
Recreation Programs		54,391.00
(Franconia's Share)	22,592.00)	
Parks		6,900.00
Patriotic Purposes		1,000.00
Museums		700.00
CONSERVATION		1,000.00
INTEREST		<u>4,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$983,632.00

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ken Mosedale spoke to the article and indicated that the overall the budget is up 5.3% from last year. There was a general discussion with one question from the floor regarding Patriotic Purposes. Sally Small explained that the \$1,000.00 for Patriotic Purposes was for the Fourth of July parade.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 4 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. This is for replacement of an existing police cruiser in 2005.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 5 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Life Squad Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The monies are for the scheduled purchase of a Life Squad van in 2007.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 6 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to be added to the Town Buildings Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The monies are for the existing truck to be replaced in 2005.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 7 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be added to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The monies are being raised to replace what was expended in 2003.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 8 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The monies are to be put toward the reassessment that is scheduled in three years.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 9 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. He highlighted the sidewalks that have been improved and stated this would be for continued improvement in 2007.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 10 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred two thousand dollars (\$102,000.00) to be added to the Highway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. The monies are for the road improvements that are beyond the scope of the highway department, including paving, that are planned for this year.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 11 passed by voice vote. (1-No)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Cemetery Restoration Expendable Trust fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. This is for the hiring of a professional person to help with the restoration of the graves in the Willow Cemetery.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 12 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Franconia Heritage Museum Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The town owns the Museum building and this would support building maintenance.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 13 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000.00) to purchase a new Highway Department Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) will come from trading in 1-ton highway truck that is being replaced. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Scott Knowlton spoke to the article. The 1999 truck is in need of replacement.

A motion to strike “one ton” and replace with “the” was moved, seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 14 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800.00) to replace all the town road signs with reflective signs to come into compliance with Federal 911 regulations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article. Signs are required to have street names that are reflective and standardized. Joel Peabody suggested adding glass reflective beads to the signs instead of replacing. Ramesh spoke about standardization. Chief Montminy replied to questions of what will happen if the town does not comply. It is possible to lose federal money. David Schaffer suggested passing the article with the agreement to look into this further.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 15 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to do maintenance in and around the Highway Garage and Transfer Station to come into compliance with Department of Environmental Services pollution control specifications. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. This item is not included in the budget because it is a one-time cost. The work is needed to comply with the EPA Stormwater Pollution Prevention.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 16 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee’s line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this transfer of funds.

The article was read, motioned and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The money has already been raised. This is to be transferred to the maintenance fund for the re-paving of the rink scheduled in a few years. There was a suggestion to level the rink as the water tends to pool up on one side.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 17 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$5,950.00) to have the Town tax maps digitized. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Ken Mosedale spoke to the article. This computerized version would make it easier for all to retrieve information. This is a one-time fee and the program can be used with existing appraisal programs.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 18 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred-fourteen thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$214,668.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and to raise forty-five thousand thirty-five dollars (\$49,114.00) from taxation and to expand eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus for this purpose. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from the Town of Sugar Hill (\$29,654.00), the Town of Easton (\$13,900.00), PAYT Fees (\$78,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$21,000.00), Recycled Material (\$14,000.00) and Waste Oil Grant (\$1,000.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The amount actually being raised by Franconia is \$49,114.00. The rest of the money will come from bags, fees, recycled material, Sugar Hill, Easton and a State grant.

There was a motion for amendment. The text “forty-five thousand thirty-five dollars” should read “forty-nine thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars”. The amendment was motioned, seconded and moved.

There being no further discussion, the article as amended was called to a vote. Article 19 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-nine thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$59,617.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned and seconded. Jane Cloran spoke to the article. The \$3,100.00 increase is for additional staff so that 2 people are on duty for safety reasons.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 20 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the North Country YMCA to support services that reach more than 1800 families and individuals throughout the North Country by this chartered non-profit association. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. Every town in the North Country is asked for this money. In the past the YMCA used the Town building for aerobics in lieu of money. They are no longer using the building. If approved this would appear as a line item in the budget next year.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 21 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred forty-six dollars (\$346.00) for the American Red Cross to support services provided by their chapter to the residents of Franconia. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. Similar situation as the YMCA. This would also appear as a line item next year.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to vote. Article 22 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. David Weed spoke to the article. David highlighted the various programs and their budget.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 23 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town shall adopt an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$15,000.00. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, had in the calendar year preceding April 1st, a net income from all sources, of not more than \$13,400.00 if single and \$20,400.00 if married, own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 excluding the value of the persons actual residence and land up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot specified in the zoning ordinance. The Selectmen recommend this article.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The town had been approached by a disabled resident, and since we have this in place for the elderly and the blind, it would be fair to include the disabled.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 24 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to modify the veteran's credit fro \$700.00 to \$1,400.00 for service connected total and permanent disability as provided in RSA 72:35-Iva. The Selectmen recommend this article.

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The town was approached by a resident to make this change. We have had the \$700.00 credit for years.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 25 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to take over the yearly maintenance of Powder Hill Road and Point of View Road. (By Petition.)

The article was read, motioned, and seconded. A move to amend Article 26 was motioned by Ron Taksar to add, "when roads meet town specifications and safety concerns are addressed". The amendment was seconded and passed by voice vote. Ron Taksar spoke to the article addressing the safety concerns. Jim Powers spoke to the amendment reading a letter from Perry Goodell, Town Engineer, stating the road is safe and built to the town specifications. A motion to add, "as determined by the town engineer" to the amendment was made and seconded. The motion was brought to voice vote and did not pass.

After much discussion the article as originally amended was brought to voice vote. Article 26 did not pass.

ARTICLE 27: WHEREAS the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of New Hampshire guarantee freedom of speech, assembly, and privacy; the rights to counsel and due process in judicial proceedings; and protection from unreasonable arches and seizures;

WHEREAS the people of the Town of Franconia support all lawful and Constitutional efforts to prevent and investigate terrorist or other criminal acts and prosecute their perpetrators;

WHEREAS the people of the Town of Franconia believe that sufficient Constitutionally acceptable tools existed or Law Enforcement to combat terrorism prior to the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (IAA);

WHEREAS the people of the Town of Franconia join communities across the nation in their concern that the PATRIOT Act and the IAA threaten our civil rights and liberties by:

- Greatly expanding the government's ability to conduct secret searches;

- All but eliminating judicial oversight when conducting telephone and Internet surveillance or acquiring financial records;
- Eliminating Congressional oversight of the FBI's use of "National Security Letters";
- Allowing indefinite detention of individuals without charges or representation;
- Giving law enforcement officials broad access to sensitive medical, mental health, library, business, financial, educational, and other records about individuals without first showing evidence of a crime and without a court order.

THEREFORE, we the citizens of Franconia, New Hampshire, acting in the spirit and history of our State and our community, do hereby request that:

- Local, state and federal law enforcement acting within the Town of Franconia continue to preserve our Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms when acting under the powers of the PATRIOT Act or IAA;
- New Hampshire's Congressional delegation actively work for the repeal of those portions of the PATRIOT Act and the IAA that violate the rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions.
(By Petition.)

Article 27 was read, moved, and seconded. Leah Carey spoke to the article. After some discussion there was a motion and a second to table this article. Article 27 was tabled by voice vote.

ARTICLE 28: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 28 was read, moved, and seconded. There were no reports presented.

ARTICLE 29: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The article was read, moved and seconded.

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Clark
Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$ 70,909,511.00
Buildings	108,829,500.00
Manufactured Housing	1,107,100.00
Electric Utilities	<u>2,119,400.00</u>
Gross Valuation	\$182,965,511.00
Blind Exemptions	(15,000.00)
Elderly Exemptions	<u>(70,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation	\$182,880,511.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$1,479,763.00
Revenues	<u>(587,616.00)</u>
Net Town Appropriations	892,147.00
Net School Appropriations	1,656,350.00
Net State Education Appropriations	561,101.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>273,589.00</u>
Total of Town, School & County	3,383,187.00
Less Shared Revenue	(8,756.00)
Add: Overlay	20,512.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>5,550.00</u>
Property Tax to be Raised	3,400,493.00
Less Credits	<u>(5,550.00)</u>
Taxes Committed to Treasurer	\$3,394,943.00

2004 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$4.97
County	1.50
State	3.10
School	<u>9.06</u>
	\$18.63

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2004

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 55,900.00	\$177,100.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment			1,377.00
Town Hall, equipment			18,432.00
Library, land & buildings	53,500.00	206,300.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	59,500.00	208,100.00	
Fire Department, equipment			366,545.00
Police Department, equipment			18,521.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	52,500.00	71,000.00	
Highway Department, equipment			113,176.50
Transfer Station, equipment			5,432.00
Franconia Water Department			
Land & buildings	129,900.00	11,300.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			150,568.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	34,000.00		
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			156,832.00
Cemeteries	96,100.00		
Land in Bethlehem	125,650.00		
Land in Franconia	216,000.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	107,000.00	85,100.00	
Heritage Museum	91,000.00	97,000.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	62,400.00	8,400.00	
Dow Strip	121,400.00		
Fox Hill Park	126,700.00		
	(1)	(1)	(2)
TOTALS	\$1,331,550.00	\$864,300.00	\$830,883.50

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2004
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$205,260.50
Municipal Agent Fees	3,972.50
Dog Licenses	517.50
Pole License	30.00
Miscellaneous Permits/Fees	90.00
Vital Statistics	107.00
Marriage Licenses/Certificates	77.00
Certified Copy Fees to State	205.00
Marriage License Fees to State	418.00
UCC Filings and Requests	840.00
TOTAL	<u>\$211,517.50</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2004
For Year Ending December 31, 2004

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$3,405,138.00	
Yield Taxes	0.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	3,600.00	
Utility	140,912.91	3,549,650.91
	<u>11,406.57</u>	
Overpayment of Property Taxes		
Interest Collected	<u>3,655.57</u>	<u>15,062.14</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$3,564,713.05</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$3,159,136.09	
Yield Taxes	0.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	1,800.00	
Utility	126,204.03	
Overpayments	11,406.57	
Property Tax Abatement	13,792.33	
Interest Collected	<u>3,655.57</u>	<u>\$3,315,994.59</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	234,464.91	
Utility	<u>14,253.55</u>	<u>248,718.46</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$3,564,713.05</u>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2003**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2003		
Property Taxes	\$234,794.81	
Utility	3,062.13	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>14,266.49</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$252,123.43

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$183,183.78	
Utility	2,346.80	
Interest Collected	14,266.49	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	2,787.39	
Uncollected Property Taxes	49,538.97	
Uncollected Utility	<u>2,346.80</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$252,123.43

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	<u>DEBITS</u>		
	2003	2002	2001
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2004		31,401.68	12,225.59
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	54,557.09		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>1,651.72</u>	<u>4,681.29</u>	<u>4,463.50</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$56,208.81	\$36,082.97	\$16,689.09

	<u>CREDITS</u>		
Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$9,741.13	\$26,473.61	\$10,849.89
Interest & Costs Collected	1,651.72	4,681.29	4,463.50
Abatements			
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>44,815.96</u>	<u>4,928.07</u>	<u>1,375.70</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$56,208.81	\$36,082.97	\$16,689.09

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

	2003	2002	2001
Bastianelli, Yvonne	\$ 2,830.25	1,016.70	
Cantlon, James F.	10,248.50	346.47	567.90
Fullerton, Philip	4,105.34		
Hadlock, Bruce	74.32		
Harris, Harriet	3,845.11		807.80
Holihan, Ruth	367.69		
Hyde, Charles	2,259.11		
Katzenberg, Edward	37.50		
Keyes, Edward	26.58		
Lee, Lawrence	407.29		
Lodge, Robert H. Jr.	1,066.54		
Macaulay, Austin	1,939.18	1,670.38	
McKay, John E.	456.97		
Old Man Concessions	10,317.01	982.23	
Peckett, III, Robert P.	2,633.03	781.53	
Sgouros, Joanne A.	584.39		
Stephenson, Sam P.	1,007.23		
Von Pantz, Stokes Lott	511.87	130.76	
Williams, Roy	465.49		
Zaleski, Linda	<u>1,632.56</u>		
TOTALS	\$44,815.96	\$4,928.07	\$1,375.70

2004 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance	\$915,673.13
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CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 910,134.11	
Tax Collector	3,420,267.59	
Town Clerk	212,141.00	
Selectmen	454,822.36	
Interest Earned	<u>473.21</u>	
Total Regular Receipts	4,087,704.16	
Loan Proceeds	325,000.00	
From Trustees	208,040.12	
From NH-PDIP	<u>835,000.00</u>	
Total Other Revenue	1,368,040.12	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,455,744.28	5,455,744.28
Total Regular Disbursements	(4,111,355.86)	
Transfer NH-PDIP	(965,000.00)	
Loan Payment	(325,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debt/Fees	<u>(322.80)</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	(5,401,678.66)	(5,401,678.66)
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 964,199.73	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,539.02	
Deposits	977,904.20	
Interest Earned	2,411.97	980,316.17
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(835,000.00)</u>	(835,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$150,855.19	
Ending Cash Balance		\$1,115,054.92

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 99,194.70
Interest Earned	<u>980.63</u>
Ending Balance	\$100,175.33

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,382.16
Interest Earned	<u>92.77</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 9,474.93

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 22,500.65
Deposits		
Town of Franconia	49,114.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	29,654.00	
Town of Easton	13,900.00	
PAYT Fees	75,776.00	
Special Handling Fees	26,618.00	
Recycled Material	26,091.71	
Property Tax Surcharge Refund	359.13	
Interest Earned	<u>345.97</u>	221,858.81
Withdrawals		
Solid Waste Disposal	39,457.04	
Bulky Disposal	28,626.83	
Operating Expenses	14,824.25	
Wages, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	<u>123,166.13</u>	<u>206,074.25</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 38,285.21

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$91,979.05
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 8,622.05	
Deposits	67,355.50	
Interest Earned	11.69	67,367.19
PDIP IN Transfers IN	15,000.00	15,000.00
PDIP Transfers OUT	(5,000.00)	
Expenses	(74,832.75)	
Fees/Adj.	<u>(48.65)</u>	<u>(74,881.40)</u>
Ending Balance	1,107.84	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	83,357.00	
Deposits	15,000.00	
Interest Earned	920.43	15,920.43
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(15,000.00)</u>	<u>(15,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$84,277.43	
Year End Cash Balance		\$85,385.73

FRANCONIA/MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$59,549.10
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 13,020.66	
Water Rents	65,978.32	
Interest	13.46	65,991.78
Transfer	(30,000.00)	
Expenses	(31,905.73)	
Fees	<u>(37.50)</u>	<u>(61,943.23)</u>
Ending Balance	17,069.21	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	46,528.44	
Interest Earned	609.37	
Deposits	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>5,336.87</u>
Ending Balance	77,137.81	
Year End Cash Balance		\$94,207.02

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$3,429,801.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	22,395.07

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	217,016.60
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	92,473.58
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	5,374.80
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	14,107.50

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	1,576.43
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	60.00
4150 Financial Administration	69.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	2,822.25
4195 Cemeteries	1,250.00
4196 Insurance	294.00
4210 Police	2,017.50
4220 Fire	3,927.03
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	399.83
4312 Highway	371.00
4520.1 Parks	60.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	17,698.76

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3502 Interest on Investments	2,885.18
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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	43,826.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	167,834.12

TOTAL REVENUES

\$4,026,259.65

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	12,029.33
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas	869.50
BC/BS – Lovett	5,794.80
Cistern Fittings	761.73
Cobra Payments	4,718.89
Highway Safety Project Grant	4,500.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees	2,060.00
Police Coverage	325.00

State & Mittersill Portion of Mittersill Paving	21,558.03
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>325,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 377,617.28

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110 Property Taxes	\$3,391,644.00	
3120 Land Use Change Tax	1,800.00	
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>36,357.00</u>	
		\$3,429,801.00
3190 Interest & Penalties		22,395.07

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 Business Permits	100.00	
3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	205,634.00	
3230 Building Permits	5,014.60	
3290 Other Licenses & Fees	<u>6,268.00</u>	
		217,016.60

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351 Revenue Sharing	17,693.00	
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	32,251.59	
3353 Highway Block Grant	<u>42,528.99</u>	
		92,473.58

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton		
Recreation Programs	3,374.80	
Administrative Fees	<u>2,000.00</u>	
		5,374.80
3379 Town of Sugar Hill		
Recreation Programs	10,462.00	
Dispatch Phone Lines	1,345.50	
Administrative Fees	<u>2,300.00</u>	
		14,107.50

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Copies and Printouts	148.25	
Maps	57.50	
Secretary Wages Reimbursed	1,340.08	
Town History Sales	<u>30.00</u>	
		1,576.43
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
Voter Checklist		60.00
4150 Financial Administration		
Bank Charges Reimbursed	35.00	
LUCT/CU Recording Fees	<u>34.00</u>	
		69.00
4191 Planning and Zoning		

	Hearing Fees	2,564.00	
	Recording Fees	17.00	
	Zoning Ordinances	<u>241.25</u>	2,822.25
4195	Cemeteries		
	Burials		1,250.00
4196	Insurance		
	Liability Refund	5.00	
	UC Refund	2.00	
	Worker's Comp Refund	<u>287.00</u>	294.00
4210	Police		
	Donations	300.00	
	Pistol Permits	110.00	
	Police Coverage	90.00	
	Police Report	331.00	
	Sale of Equipment	100.00	
	Supplies Reimbursed	639.97	
	Town Fines	143.13	
	Witness Fees	<u>303.40</u>	2,017.50
4220	Fire		
	Cutter Tool Reimbursement	2,934.00	
	Court Fines	<u>993.03</u>	3,927.03
4290	Emergency Management (Forest Fire)		
	Training Expenses Reimbursed	53.57	
	Water Transport	100.00	
	Wages Reimbursed	<u>246.26</u>	399.83
4312	Highway Department		
	Supplies Reimbursed		371.00
4520.1	Parks		
	Supplies Reimbursed		60.00
3409	Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
	Baseball Fees	1,160.00	
	Basketball Fees	485.00	
	Soccer Fees	1,190.00	
	Summer Recreation Fees	14,339.50	
	Supplies Reimbursed	214.26	
	Winter Swimming Fees	<u>310.00</u>	17,698.76
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3502	Interest on Investments		
	Connecticut River Bank	473.21	
	NH-PDIP	<u>2,411.97</u>	2,885.18
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3915	Capital Reserve Funds		
	Highway Truck Fund	31,793.00	
	Legal	<u>12,033.00</u>	43,826.00
3917	Expendable Trust Funds		

Cemetery Restoration	1,983.00	
Highway Improvement	154,153.12	
Library Building Maintenance	444.00	
Museum Maintenance	2,713.00	
Safety Services Building Improvement	4,308.00	
Town Building Maintenance	<u>4,233.00</u>	<u>167,834.12</u>

TOTAL REVENUES

\$4,026,259.65

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department		
Water Payments	2,548.43	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	152.73	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	805.77	
Supplies	190.00	
Payroll Taxes	471.74	
Water Truck	1,585.67	
Wages	6,166.47	
Workers Compensation	<u>108.52</u>	<u>12,029.33</u>
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas		869.50
BC/BS – Lovett		5,794.80
Cistern Fittings Reimbursed		761.73
Cobra Payments		4,718.89
Highway Safety Project Grant		4,500.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees		2,060.00
Police Coverage		325.00
State & Mittersill Portion of Mittersill Paving		21,558.03
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>325,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$ 377,617.28

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 82,832.10
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,102.10
4150 Financial Administration	34,845.46
4152 Revaluation of Property	13,463.45
4153 Legal Expense	12,932.12
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	8,790.94
4194 General Government Buildings	60,865.93
4195 Cemeteries	9,208.29
4196 Insurance	6,451.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	12,358.00
4199 Other General Government	16,786.75

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	254,198.43
4215 Ambulance	5,175.00
4220 Fire	74,454.05
4221 Life Squad	8,813.67
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	4,281.70
4299 Emergency Phone Lines	21,571.20

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	250,045.29
4316 Utilities	14,688.55

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	6,567.00
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	2,591.09
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	51,470.62
4521 Parks	7,548.24
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	98.00

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	1,034.50
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DEBT SERVICE

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,997.93
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CAPITAL OULTAY

4902 Vehicles & Equipment	31,793.00
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4903 Buildings	11,698.00
4909 Other Improvements	156,091.12
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Funds	108,731.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	48,000.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>111,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,451,484.53
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	275,451.00
4933 School Districts	2,096,500.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>152.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,823,587.53
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)	
4332 Water Department	12,029.33
4589 Museum	869.50
BC/BS – Lovett	5,794.80
Cistern Fittings	761.73
Cobra Payments	4,718.89
Highway Safety Project Grant	4,500.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees	2,060.00
Police Coverage	325.00
State & Mittersill Portion of Mittersill Paving	21,558.03
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>325,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 377,617.28

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses		
Bethlehem Property Tax	2,812.19	
Dues	887.00	
Equipment		
Maintenance/Repairs	547.77	
New	<u>1,376.00</u>	1,923.77
Maps		1,476.85
Miscellaneous		469.52
Newspaper Notices		170.00
Postage		880.50
Professional Assistance		2,200.00
RSA Updates & Legal Material		525.00
Supplies		1,459.51
Telephone		1,809.31
Training/Meetings		814.27
Salaries & Wages		
Administrative Assistant		19,303.40
Executive Secretary		10,194.65
Moderator		168.00
Secretary		13,731.50
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		19,528.52
Payroll Taxes		3,307.07
Retirement - Town Contribution		954.00
Workers Compensation	<u>217.04</u>	\$ 82,832.10

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration	
General Expenses	292.64
Town Clerk	
General Expenses	
Dog Tags	51.80
Dues	20.00
Newspaper Notices	94.50
Postage	507.12
Software Programs/Support	1,784.28
Supplies	300.95
Telephone	879.33
Workshops/Meetings	25.00
Salaries & Wages	
Ballot Clerks	692.90
Supervisor of the Checklist	1,166.45
Town Clerk	11,952.70
Deputy Town Clerk	390.20

Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>944.23</u>	19,102.10
4150 Financial Administration			
Accounting & Reports			
Bank Charges		327.80	
Checks & Supplies		253.49	
Town Report		1,440.00	
Auditor		3,000.00	
Tax Collection			
Dues		20.00	
Mortgage Search		364.00	
Postage/Envelopes		976.30	
Professional Assistance/Software			
Avitar	1,525.00		
Hilltop Consulting	<u>360.00</u>	1,885.00	
Recording Fees		211.65	
Supplies		168.17	
Tax Bills/Warrants		268.00	
Workshops/Training		10.00	
Salary & Wages			
Bookkeeper		19,443.40	
Tax Collector		3,135.60	
Treasurer		1,500.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		1,842.05	34,845.46
4152 Revaluation of Property			13,463.45
4153 Legal Expense			
Capital Reserve Funds	12,033.00		
General Matters	<u>899.12</u>		12,932.12
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards			
General Expenses			
Legal Advice		62.00	
Newspaper Notices		625.85	
Postage		611.11	
RSA Updates & Law Books		260.00	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings		211.57	
Supplies		48.79	
Master Plan			
CIP Expense	1,000.00		
Postage	1,537.00		
Printing	<u>1,016.52</u>	3,553.52	
Salary & Wages			
Secretary	2,657.20		
ZBA Secretary	<u>518.00</u>	3,175.20	

Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>242.90</u>	8,790.94
4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		2,252.15	
Dow Clock		645.22	
Equipment			
Maintenance	191.19		
New	<u>264.18</u>	455.37	
Heating Oil		4,321.43	
Insurance		975.00	
Library Insurance		425.00	
Plantings		161.25	
Uniforms		400.00	
Sidewalk Plowing		2,206.90	
Supplies		1,044.97	
Vehicles			
Gas	874.92		
Maintenance	1,266.02		
Repairs	<u>496.96</u>	2,597.90	
Salaries & Wages		28,532.97	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		13,181.58	
Payroll Taxes		2,379.06	
Retirement - Town Contribution		636.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>651.13</u>	60,865.93
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity		149.36	
Equipment		455.02	
Supplies/Flags		717.56	
Tree Removal		200.00	
Waterline		369.55	
Salary & Wages		6,692.58	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		515.70	
Workers Compensation		<u>108.52</u>	9,208.29
4196 Insurance			
Liability		5,221.00	
Public Officials Liability		1,000.00	
Unemployment Compensation-Audit		<u>230.00</u>	6,451.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.			
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce		10,000.00	

Mt Washington Regional Airport	693.00	
North Country Council	<u>1,665.00</u>	12,358.00
4199 Other General Government		
Article 15 – Street Signs	3,790.75	
Article 16– Highway Garage	5,000.00	
Article 18 – Digital Tax Maps	5,900.00	
Article 21 – North Country YMCA	250.00	
Article 22 – American Red Cross	346.00	
Article 30 – Franconia Children’s Center	<u>1,500.00</u>	16,786.75
PUBLIC SAFETY		
4210 Police		
General Expenses		
Boarding Fee-Stray Dogs	130.00	
Building Maintenance	2,573.14	
CNHSOU	2,500.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	672.34	
Educational Programs	228.82	
Firearms		
Ammunition	2,011.80	
New	30.98	
Training	<u>97.65</u>	2,140.43
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	400.00	
Commercial Auto	496.00	
Liability	<u>5,589.00</u>	6,485.00
Maps - 911		1,716.67
Miscellaneous		180.00
Office		
Equipment		
New	86.81	
Repairs/Maintenance	396.96	
Software/Support	3,282.11	
Supplies/Postage	<u>1,038.44</u>	4,804.32
Photography		216.19
Radar Calibration/New		2,272.50
Radios		
Maintenance	259.07	
Pager Lease	<u>270.00</u>	529.07
RSA Updates & Law Books		875.42
Safety Equipment		1,127.61
Telephone		2,498.51
Town Prosecutor Expense		58.15
Training Expense		69.59
Uniforms		
Cleaning/Repairs	1,350.50	
New	<u>2,009.13</u>	3,359.63

Vehicles		
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	5,780.99	
Maintenance	3,736.80	
Repairs	6,122.56	
Supplies	<u>1,304.14</u>	16,944.49
Salaries & Wages		
Officers		133,484.19
Overtime		11,661.23
Prosecuting		701.87
Special Investigations		1,072.36
Specials		5,646.00
Training		2,100.20
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		34,217.94
Payroll Taxes		2,619.96
Retirement - Town Contribution		11,684.98
Workers Compensation		<u>1,627.82</u>
		254,198.43
4215 Ambulance Service		5,175.00
4220 Fire Department		
General Expenses		
Administration and Supplies		568.64
Building Maintenance		
Cleaning	984.00	
Electricity	2,416.63	
Maintenance	<u>899.29</u>	4,299.92
Dues and Subscriptions		1,227.02
Gas and Diesel		1,237.27
Generator		2,392.44
Heating Oil		2,370.94
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	345.00	
Commercial Auto	2,275.00	
Liability	<u>380.00</u>	3,000.00
Maps – 911		1,091.66
New Equipment		
SCBA	419.22	
Turnout Gear	3,086.99	
Radios & Pagers	3,458.38	
Rescue Tools	<u>7,741.67</u>	14,706.26
Radio Repair		337.85
Telephone		1,023.87
Training and Prevention		495.07
Vehicles and Equipment		6,717.01
Salaries & Wages		
Fireman's Annual Pay		28,534.50



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall
March 8, 2005 – 7:30 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$589,000.00 (gross budget) for the addition and equipping of the Safety Services building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$395,000 of notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$194,000 from the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund created for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3-ballot vote required).

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$90,762.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	20,500.00
Financial Administration	36,255.00
Revaluation of Property	6,150.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning.....	19,245.00
General Government Buildings	66,556.00
Cemeteries.....	12,875.00
Insurance	6,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,342.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,649.00)
(Regional Airport	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police.....	257,699.00
Ambulance	5,250.00
Fire	67,964.00
Life Squad.....	37,649.00
Forest Fire	3,360.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	19,800.00
(Franconia's Share.....	18,450.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....249,979.00

UTILITIES.....15,000.00

HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....7,363.00

 (North Country Home Health2,178.00)

(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,267.00)	
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,050.00)	
(Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00)	
(American Red Cross.....	346.00)	
(North Country YMCA.....	250.00)	
(Health Officer	200.00)	
(Hospice	572.00)	
WELFARE.....		5,000.00
(General Assistance	3,000.00)	
(CAP	2,000.00)	
CULTURE & RECREATION		
Recreation Programs		56,574.00
(Franconia's Share.....	23,356.00)	
Parks.....		8,200.00
Patriotic Purposes.....		1,000.00
Museums		200.00
CONSERVATION		2,000.00
INTEREST.....		4,000.00
TOTAL.....		\$1,015,223.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be added to the Life Squad Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to be added to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Fire Equipment Truck and raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund. The selectmen recommend this appropriation

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Highway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Cemetery Restoration Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Franconia Heritage Museum Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the Library Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) to purchase a new Town Buildings truck with a snow plow and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars (\$21,300) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$7,700.00) is to come from general taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$23,824.00) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The amount of five thousand seven hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$5,724.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2002 cruiser (\$3,100.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars (\$33,566.00) to purchase a new 4WD Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The amount of two thousand four hundred sixty-six dollars (\$2,466.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 1999 Tahoe (\$6,100.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$33,756.00) for a full Property Valuation Update and to raise the sum of twenty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$23,756.00) from taxation, and to authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this transfer of funds

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to rebuild the Town Hall handicap ramp to comply with current ADA standards and to authorize the withdrawal of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00) from the Handicap Access Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. The balance of nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$9,800.00) is to come from general taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand three hundred dollars (\$11,300.00) to purchase a new defibrillator for the Life Squad. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a seven year lease agreement for \$118,328.00 for the purpose of leasing backhoe for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand nine hundred-four dollars (\$16,904.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase a snowplow for the 2004 Highway Truck. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300.00) to purchase a new mower for the cemetery. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of a feasibility study for the expansion or relocation and construction of the Highway garage. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to increase the rate of contribution from the Land Use Change Tax received annually to the Land Use Fund previously established from 0% to 50% under the provisions of RSA 79-A:25. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the matching funds being collected towards the new playground equipment for the Dow field. The selectmen approve of this appropriation.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred-thirty-seven thousand five hundred-one dollars (\$237,501.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and to raise forty-nine thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$49,625.00) from taxation and to expend twelve thousand dollars two hundred (\$12,200.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus for this purpose. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from the Town of Sugar Hill (\$31,492.00), the Town of Easton (\$14,315.00), PAYT Fees (\$78,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$31,869.00), and Recycled Material (\$20,000.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-two thousand nine hundred six dollars (\$62,906.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services to help offset the cost of charity care and community benefit programs that the community health center provides. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 33. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Ronald J. Taksar
Ramesh P. Dave
Carl I. Belz
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2004	Actual 2004	Estimated 2005
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ -0-	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 70,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	3,000.00	-0-	5,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	30,000.00	36,357.00	30,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	13,000.00	22,395.00	15,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	100.00	100.00	100.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	180,000.00	205,634.00	190,000.00
3230 Building Permits	3,000.00	5,015.00	4,000.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	2,000.00	6,268.00	3,000.00
FROM STATE:			
3351 Shared Revenues	7,000.00	7,075.00	7,000.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	25,000.00	32,252.00	25,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	42,529.00	42,529.00	45,650.00
3359 Other Payments/Grants	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	19,729.00	18,153.00	20,412.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	45,174.00	42,107.00	48,663.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	1,500.00	12,847.00	500.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	114,000.00	128,845.00	129,869.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	16,100.00	17,699.00	15,600.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	13,000.00	13,000.00	9,200.00
3502 Interest on Investments	2,000.00	2,885.00	2,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Water Dept.	1,500.00	1,585.00	-0-
3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	8,000.00	-0-	12,200.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	33,000.00	40,206.00	73,500.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	-0-	-0-	-0-
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	197,000.00	167,834.00	194,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	<u>453,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>395,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,210,632.00	\$804,586.00	\$1,295,694.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2004	Actual 2004	Estimated 2005
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$84,049.00	\$ 82,832.00	\$ 90,762.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	20,165.00	19,102.00	20,500.00
4150 Financial Administration	35,403.00	34,845.00	36,255.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	17,480.00	13,464.00	6,150.00
4153 Legal Expense	3,000.00	12,932.00	3,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	8,320.00	8,791.00	19,245.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	62,733.00	60,866.00	66,556.00
4195 Cemeteries	11,171.00	9,208.00	12,875.00
4196 Insurance	6,402.00	6,451.00	6,500.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12,358.00	12,358.00	12,342.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	249,478.00	254,198.00	257,699.00
4215 Ambulance	5,175.00	5,175.00	5,250.00
4220 Fire	66,395.00	74,454.00	67,964.00
4221 Life Squad	10,000.00	8,814.00	37,649.00
4290 Forest Fire	5,085.00	4,282.00	3,360.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	21,580.00	21,571.00	19,800.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	267,580.00	250,045.00	249,979.00
4316 Utilities	15,000.00	14,689.00	15,000.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	6,767.00	6,567.00	7,363.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	7,500.00	2,591.00	5,000.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	54,391.00	51,471.00	56,574.00
4521 Parks	6,900.00	7,548.00	8,200.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	700.00	98.00	200.00
CONSERVATION:			
4619 General Expenses	1,000.00	1,034.00	2,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4723 Interest on TANS	4,000.00	2,998.00	4,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
FY 2004			
Article 14: Highway Truck	46,000.00	31,793.00	-0-
FY 2005			
Article 16: Town Buildings Truck	-0-	-0-	29,000.00
Article 17: Police Cruiser	-0-	-0-	23,824.00
Article 18: 4WD Police Cruiser	-0-	-0-	33,566.00
Article 22: Defibrillator	-0-	-0-	11,300.00
Article 23: Backhoe Lease	-0-	-0-	16,904.00
Article 24: Highway Truck Snowplow	-0-	-0-	5,000.00

Article 25 Cemetery Mower	-0-	-0-	6,300.00
4903 Buildings			
FY 2005			
Article 2: Safety Services Building	-0-	-0-	589,000.00
Article 21: Handicap Ramp	-0-	-0-	12,000.00
FY2004			
Article 2: Safety Services Building	650,000.00	-0-	-0-
ETF: Safety Services Building	-0-	4,308.00	-0-
ETF: Library Maintenance	-0-	444.00	-0-
EFT: Museum Maintenance	-0-	2,713.00	
EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance	-0-	4,233.00	-0-
4909 Other Improvements			
ETF: Cemetery Restoration	-0-	1,938.00	-0-
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	214,668.00	206,074.00	237,501.00
Library	59,617.00	59,617.00	62,906.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Police Cruiser	12,000.00	12,000.00	-0-
CRF: Life Squad Van	15,000.00	15,000.00	100.00
CRF: Legal	4,000.00	4,000.00	12,000.00
CRF: Highway Truck	-0-	-0-	3,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-
CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle	7,000.00	7,000.00	-0-
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	-0-	-0-	25,000.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
ETF: Sidewalks	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	102,000.00	102,000.00	20,000.00
ETF: Cemetery Restoration	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance	-0-	-0-	5,000.00
EFT: Library Maintenance	-0-	-0-	500.00
EFT: Safety Services Building	-0-	-0-	50,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended):			
FY 2005			
Article 19: Property Valuation Update	-0-	-0-	33,756.00
Article 26: Highway Garage Study	-0-	-0-	30,000.00
Article 28: Dow Playground	-0-	-0-	500.00
Article 31: ACHS	-0-	-0-	1,800.00
FY 2004			
Article 15: Reflective Signs	3,800.00	3,791.00	-0-
Article 16: Highway Garage DES	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
Article 18: Digitized Tax Maps	5,950.00	5,900.00	-0-
Article 21: North Country YMCA	250.00	250.00	-0-
Article 22: American Red Cross	346.00	346.00	-0-
Article 23: Franconia Children's Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,129,763.00	\$1,589,291.00	\$2,239,780.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$84,049.00	\$ 2,091.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	20,165.00	2,328.00
Financial Administration	35,403.00	69.00
Revaluation of Property	17,480.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	12,033.00
Planning & Zoning	8,320.00	2,822.00
General Government Buildings	62,733.00	-0-
Cemeteries	11,171.00	1,250.00
Insurance	6,402.00	294.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,358.00	-0-
Police	249,478.00	2,018.00
Ambulance	5,175.00	-0-
Fire	66,395.00	3,927.00
Life Squad	10,000.00	-0-
Forest Fire	5,085.00	400.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	21,580.00	-0-
Highway Department	267,580.00	371.00
Utilities	15,000.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	6,767.00	-0-
Welfare	7,500.00	-0-
Recreation	54,391.00	1,599.00
Parks	6,900.00	60.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	700.00	-0-
Conservation	1,000.00	-0-
Interest	4,000.00	1,885.00
TOTALS	\$ 983,632.00	\$31,147.00

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$ 86,140.00	\$ 82,832.00	\$ 3,308.00	\$ -0-
22,493.00	19,102.00	3,391.00	-0-
35,472.00	34,855.00	617.00	-0-
17,480.00	13,464.00	4,016.00	-0-
15,033.00	12,932.00	2,101.00	-0-
11,142.00	8,791.00	2,351.00	-0-
62,733.00	60,866.00	1,867.00	-0-
12,421.00	9,208.00	3,213.00	-0-
6,696.00	6,451.00	245.00	-0-
12,358.00	12,358.00	-0-	-0-
251,496.00	254,198.00	-0-	2,702.00
5,175.00	5,175.00	-0-	-0-
70,322.00	74,454.00	-0-	4,132.00
10,000.00	8,814.00	1,186.00	-0-
5,485.00	4,282.00	1,203.00	-0-
21,580.00	21,571.00	9.00	-0-
267,951.00	250,045.00	17,906.00	-0-
15,000.00	14,689.00	311.00	-0-
6,767.00	6,567.00	200.00	-0-
7,500.00	2,591.00	4,909.00	-0-
55,990.00	51,471.00	4,519.00	-0-
6,960.00	7,548.00	-0-	588.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
700.00	98.00	602.00	-0-
1,000.00	1,034.00	-0-	34.00
<u>5,885.00</u>	<u>2,998.00</u>	<u>2,887.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$1,014,779.00	\$967,394.00	\$54,841.00	\$7,456.00

NOTES

Fireman's Fund	2,100.00	
Inspections	1,518.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	2,290.99	
Workers Compensation	<u>542.61</u>	74,454.05
4221 Life Squad		
General Expenses		
Commercial Auto Insurance	340.00	
Gas and Diesel	331.47	
Maps – 911	1,091.67	
Radios	1,080.55	
Supplies	1,563.59	
Telephone	270.02	
Training	738.63	
Uniforms	24.05	
Vehicles & Equipment	2,939.61	
Workers Compensation	<u>434.08</u>	8,813.67
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires)		
General Expenses		
New Equipment	2,500.00	
Equipment Maintenance	73.50	
Mileage Reimbursed	8.03	
Supplies	32.00	
Vehicles		
Gas, Diesel & Oil	60.39	
Insurance	225.00	
Maintenance	<u>217.48</u>	502.87
Salary & Wages		
Annual Pay	625.00	
Fire Fighting Pay	245.15	
Fire Fighting Training	212.35	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>82.80</u>	4,281.70
4299 Dispatch Phone Lines		
8123 Phone Line	2,690.72	
Grafton County Dispatch	<u>18,880.48</u>	21,571.20
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
4312 Highway Department		
General Expenses		
Bridge Repair	650.00	
Building Maintenance	2,932.07	
Dues	20.00	
Equipment		
Maintenance	3,730.57	

New	7,054.90	
Rental	<u>3,365.75</u>	14,151.22
Gas and Diesel		8,984.56
Gravel		4,217.75
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	565.00	
Commercial Auto	<u>1,440.00</u>	2,005.00
Newspaper Notices		75.75
New Tools		42.98
Radios		1,020.63
Random Drug Tests		90.00
Roadside Mowing		1,645.00
Road Oil		6,572.70
Safety		749.87
Sand and Salt		27,746.41
Sidewalks		56.25
Street Sweeping		6,000.00
Supplies		5,251.24
Telephone		1,035.45
Training/Workshops		775.00
Uniforms		1,500.00
Vehicles		
Maintenance	8,246.48	
Repairs	<u>1,688.58</u>	9,935.06
Wallace Hill Road Plowing		790.00
Workers Comp Compliance		729.88
Salaries & Wages		
Wages		99,714.89
Overtime		9,657.93
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		29,624.09
Payroll Taxes		8,352.80
Retirement - Town Contribution		1,812.00
Workers Compensation		<u>3,906.76</u>
		250,045.29
4316 Utilities		
Cable Consortium		280.68
Street Lighting		<u>14,407.87</u>
		14,688.55
HEALTH		
4415 Health Agencies		
Grafton County Senior Citizens		1,050.00
Hospice of Littleton Area		572.00
Littleton Regional Hospital		1,500.00
North Country Home Health		2,178.00
White Mountain Mental Health		1,267.00
		6,567.00

WELFARE

4442 Welfare

General Assistance	1,091.09	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>1,500.00</u>	2,591.09

CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation

Executive Director	14,333.44
Executive Director Expense	630.49
Baseball and Softball	
Clinic/Umpire Fees	540.00
Supplies	984.26
Uniforms	920.81

Basketball

Referees	430.00
Supplies	376.40
Tournament Fees	120.00
Uniforms	143.01

Rink and Ice Skating

Equipment Maintenance	440.00
Icemaking	3,570.92
Rink Maintenance	408.42
Supplies	4.43
Utilities	1,106.41

Rink Maintenance Fund

2,000.00

Soccer

Referees	130.00
Supplies	483.11
Tournament Expense	255.00
Uniforms	28.00

Summer Recreation

Adventure Program	300.00
Pool and Facilities	400.00
Old Home Day	110.59
Staff Workshops/Training	250.00
Supplies	1,291.20
Transportation	3,277.76
Uniforms	1,279.93
Salaries & Wages	14,046.56

Winter Swimming

310.00

Taxes & Benefits

Payroll Taxes	2,431.71
Workers Compensation	<u>868.17</u>

51,470.62

4521 Parks

Dow Field

Electricity	110.22
Equipment	348.36
Field Maintenance	4,195.64

Portable Toilets	672.00	5,326.22	
Parks Mowing/Maintenance		1,843.00	
Supplies		<u>379.02</u>	7,548.24
4583 Patriotic Purpose			1,000.00
4589 Museums			98.00
4619 Conservation			
General Expenses			
Dues		175.00	
Plantings		399.50	
Trees		<u>460.00</u>	1,034.50
DEBT SERVICE			
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note			2,997.93
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Article 14 – Highway Truck			31,793.00
4903 Buildings			
Town Building Maintenance	4,233.00		
Library Building Maintenance	444.00		
Museum Building Maintenance	2,713.00		
Safety Services Building	<u>4,308.00</u>		11,698.00
4909 Other Improvements			
Cemetery Restoration	1,938.00		
Highway Improvement	<u>154,153.12</u>		156,091.12
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912 Special Revenue Funds			
Library Appropriation		59,617.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation		<u>49,114.00</u>	108,731.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES			
4915 Capital Reserve Funds			
Legal		4,000.00	
Life Squad Van		15,000.00	
Police Cruiser		12,000.00	
Reassessment		10,000.00	
Town Buildings Truck		<u>7,000.00</u>	48,000.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds			
Cemetery Restoration		2,000.00	
Heritage Museum Maintenance		2,000.00	
Highway Improvement		102,000.00	

Sidewalk Improvement	<u>5,000.00</u>	111,000.00
SUB-TOTAL		\$1,451,484.53
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		275,451.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	981,626.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,114,874.00</u>	2,096,500.00
4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	102.00	
Dog License Fees	<u>50.00</u>	152.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$3,823,587.53
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)		
4332 Water Department		
Water Payments	2,548.43	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	152.73	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	805.77	
Supplies	190.00	
Wages	6,166.47	
Payroll Taxes	471.74	
Water Truck	1,585.67	
Workers Compensation	<u>108.52</u>	12,029.33
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas		869.50
BC/BS Lovett		5,794.80
Cistern Fittings		761.73
Cobra Insurance Payments		4,718.89
Highway Safety Project Grant		4,500.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees		2,060.00
Police Coverage		325.00
State & Mittersill Portion of Mittersill Paving		21,558.03
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>325,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 377,617.28

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 22,500.65
Income		
Town of Franconia	49,114.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	29,654.00	
Town of Easton	13,900.00	
Property Tax Surcharge Refund	359.13	
PAYT Bags	75,776.00	
Special Handling Fees	26,618.00	
Recycled Material	26,091.71	
Interest Earned	<u>345.97</u>	221,858.81
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	4,767.48	
MSW Tipping	34,689.56	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	6,356.64	
Roll Off Tipping	17,503.84	
Roll Off Rental	735.00	
Tires	870.00	
Other	3,161.35	
Utilities	2,592.07	
General Expenses		
Dues	1,750.66	
PAYT Bags	4,410.40	
Insurance	161.00	
Supplies & Baling Wire	1,474.37	
Oil & Gas	625.73	
Training & Certification	591.82	
Uniforms	396.85	
Equipment Maintenance	1,470.78	
Contingency	930.62	
Capital Improvements	419.95	
Wages	93,308.07	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	18,516.14	
Retirement	1,776.00	
Workers' Compensation	2,387.46	
Payroll Taxes	<u>7,178.46</u>	<u>206,074.25</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 38,285.21

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
Emergency Generator	\$15,000.00	\$14,250.00	20	\$750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	20,000.00	18,000.00	10	2,000.00
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	215,000.00	193,500.00	20	10,750.00
1997 Ford Rescue Van	110,000.00	33,000.00	10	11,000.00
1993 Sutphen Delage Pumper	180,000.00	81,000.00	20	9,000.00
1988 Ford Equipment Van	20,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-	16	-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)				
Scott Air Pack (10)	14,250.00	7,186.00	20	705.00
Protective Gear (30)	15,000.00	-0-	5	1,297.00
5,000 ft. 4" Hose	20,000.00	3,021.00	10	1,510.00
3,000 ft 2-1/2" Hose	3,000.00		10	-0-
1,500 ft. 1-1/2" Hose	2,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Fittings	4,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	684.00	-0-	5	-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	10,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad)	393.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Computer	1,520.00	-0-	5	-0-
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	3,636.00	-0-	10	64.00
Mobile Radios (5)	18,000.00	16,200.00	10	1,800.00
Portable Radios (15)	12,800.00	-0-	10	680.00
Base Radio	3,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
Beeper (35)	<u>16,975.00</u>	<u>388.00</u>	10	<u>131.00</u>
Totals	\$725,758.00	\$366,545.00		\$39,687.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2002 Ford Crowne Victoria	\$22,614.00	-0-	3	\$7,538.00
1999 Chevy Tahoe	26,438.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	-0-	5	70.00
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	3,902.00	5	1,952.00
1992 GE Mobile (2)	930.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Kenwood Mobile	1,464.00	549.00	8	183.00
Siren, Lights	1,200.00	-0-	5	-0-
1989 Siren	210.00	-0-	10	-0-
1999 Eagle Radar	3,095.00	-0-	5	-0-
1988 Radar	1,450.00	-0-	5	-0-
Misc. Office	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-

2004 Eagle Radar	2,212.00	1,770.00	5	442.00
Matrix Personal Body Armor	1,180.00	944.00	5	236.00
2002 Sony Camcorder	650.00	326.00	6	108.00
2001 Video Cameras (2)	10,360.00	6,216.00	10	1,036.00
2001 Digital Cameras (2)	600.00	360.00	10	60.00
2001 Dell Computer (Donated)				
2001 HP Color Printer	200.00	120.00	10	20.00
1999 Laptop Computer	3,353.00	-0-	5	669.00
1999 Label Writer	320.00	-0-	5	64.00
1998 Computer	2,150.00	-0-	4	-0-
1998 Printer	825.00	-0-	4	-0-
1997 Typewriter	500.00	-0-	5	100.00
1996 Sharp Copier	1,295.00	485.00	8	162.00
2002 Colt TR (2)	1400.00	980.00	10	140.00
2002 Colt TR (2) – (Mil. Surplus)	150.00	105.00	10	15.00
2001 Colt TR	700.00	420.00	10	70.00
2000 Colt TR	700.00	350.00	10	70.00
Sig. 45 cal (7-1997)	3,709.00	859.00	10	370.00
Sig. 9mm (1-1995)	587.00	292.00	10	59.00
1989 Mossberg shotgun (2)	393.00	128.00	10	33.00
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	<u>1,430.00</u>	<u>715.00</u>	10	<u>143.00</u>
Totals	\$103,223.00	\$18,521.00		\$13,540.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2004 Ford Truck	\$44,794.00	\$33,595.00	4	\$11,199.00
2001 Ford Truck	44,980.00	11,245.00	10	11,245.00
2000 Mack Truck	71,102.00	28,442.00	10	7,110.00
1995 Mack Truck	76,702.00	7,672.00	10	7,670.00
2004 Spreader	5,000.00	4,500.00	10	500.00
1995 Spreaders (2)	18,498.00	-0-	6	-0-
1990 John Deere Loader	47,500.00	-0-	15	2,700.00
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	25,664.00	15	3,667.00
1985 Highway Sweeper	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1999 Radio	415.00	208.00	10	41.50
Radios	4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Steam Jenny & Generator	3,700.00	1,110.00	10	370.00
Air Impact Wrench	650.00	390.00	10	65.00
Compressor	1,163.00	-0-	10	119.00
22 Ton Air Jack	700.00	350.00	10	70.00
10 Ton Jack	100.00	-0-	5	-0-
Chain Saw	338.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$388,542.00	\$113,176.50		\$44,756.50

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2003 Dell Computer	\$2,051.00	\$1,231.00	5	\$410.00
2001 Cannon Copier	250.00	50.00	5	50.00
1999 Computers	4,210.00	-0-	5	-0-
1998 Copier	1,495.00	-0-	5	-0-
1998 Computer	2,077.00	-0-	5	-0-
1999 HP Laser Printer	500.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 HP Laser Printer	860.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	-0-	5	-0-
1993 Typewriter	180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1988 Copier	1,600.00	-0-	4	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	96.00	8	87.00
Totals	\$14,312.00	\$1,377.00		\$547.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2001 Container	\$1,863.00	(54%)	\$1,119.00	10	\$186.00
1999 Bobcat	8,357.00	(54%)	3,341.00	10	836.00
1999 Baler	4,928.00	(54%)	-0-	5	-0-
1999 Containers	2,430.00	(54%)	972.00	10	243.00
1985 Trash Compactor	20,000.00	(60%)	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$37,578.00		\$5,432.00		\$1,265.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	\$690.00	\$96.00	8	\$87.00
2000 John Deere Tractor	30,560.00	18,336.00	10	3,056.00
1997 Ford Truck	16,595.00	-0-	5	-0-
1996 John Deere Mower	4,195.00	-0-	5	-0-
1995 Toro Snowblower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
1992 Gravely Mower	2,588.00	-0-	5	-0-
1986 Gravely Sweeper	3,900.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$59,261.00	\$18,432.00		\$3,143.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending December 31, 2004

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Cash on Hand/Checking	\$1,107.84	\$17,069.21
Reserve Account	84,277.43	77,137.81
Accounts Receivable	9,766.85	5,152.38
Stock on Hand	<u>3,604.00</u>	<u>1,930.00</u>
Total Assets	\$98,756.12	\$101,289.40

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	-0-	-0-
Surplus	<u>\$98,756.12</u>	<u>\$101,289.40</u>
Total Liability Surplus	\$98,756.12	\$101,289.40

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Mains	\$122,800.00	\$127,398.00
Wells	15,472.00	18,678.00
Hydrants	6,702.00	3,952.00
Pumps	-0-	4,763.00
Tools & Equipment	<u>5,594.00</u>	<u>2,041.00</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	\$150,568.00	\$156,832.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2004

REVENUES

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Income	\$67,367.19	\$65,989.65

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$5,559.20	\$2,527.61
PSNH	8,556.27	4,315.54
Water Testing	3,321.00	2,929.00
Supplies		
Contract Labor	15,921.00	15,921.00
Software	2,333.00	1,167.00
Electrician		168.00
Bank Charges	62.60	37.50
Chlorine	433.12	216.56
Postage	92.50	111.00
Ads-Printing	13.40	13.40
Dues	75.00	75.00
Welding	300.00	750.00
Supplies-Misc.	468.64	112.46
Electrical Controls	1,405.18	
Engineer	2,421.00	75.00
Oil, Gas	336.51	336.49
Tools, Parts		
Reserve Fund		30,000.00
Repairs	2,800.00	212.50
Capital Improvement	27,775.82	
Pumps		
Grounds-Plowing	649.00	881.95
Phone	1,313.82	443.89
General Maintenance		590.00
New Equipment	<u>1,044.34</u>	<u>1,044.33</u>
Total Expenditures	\$74,881.40	\$61,928.23
Income Over Expenses	(\$7,514.21)	\$4,061.42

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities
Common Trust Fund Investments:			
Connecticut River Bank			
Common Trust Fund	95,784.93	(29,000.00)	-0-
Quick & Reilly (Cemetery)		30,000.00	-0-
Subtotal	95,784.93	1,000.00	-0-
Capital Reserve Funds:			
Bridge Construction	6,433.00	125.32	-0-
Reassessment	993.75	10,019.34	-0-
Legal	10,363.25	4,201.88	-0-
Police Cruiser	28,057.02	12,546.50	-0-
Handicap Access	2,177.75	42.42	-0-
Dow Field	1,464.15	28.52	-0-
Fire Truck	11,496.32	223.95	-0-
Highway Truck	48,141.93	937.82	-0-
Highway Loader	45,980.81	895.74	-0-
Life Squad Van	58,132.23	16,271.03	-0-
Town Buildings Truck	14,151.72	7,275.67	-0-
Transfer Station Equipment	5,108.27	99.51	-0-
	232,500.20	52,667.70	-0-
Expendable/Maintenance Funds:			
Sidewalk Improvement	9,681.37	5,116.94	-0-
Highway Improvement	86,843.77	103,049.04	
Town Building Maintenance	23,232.04	306.74	-0-
Library Building Maintenance Fund	4,896.59	64.72	-0-
Safety Services Bldg. Improvement	197,488.90	1,108.03	-0-
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	4,018.63	2,055.51	-0-
Cemetery Restoration	2,617.00	2,036.53	-0-
Health Insurance Deductions	5,000.00	66.21	-0-
Heritage Museum	1,000.00	2,014.95	-0-
Emergency Management	1,000.00	13.23	-0-
	335,778.30	115,831.90	-0-
Scholarship Fund *	108,033.00	-0-	-0-
Remedial Education	117,712.55	413.77	-0-
Lafayette School Maintenance	35,065.50	2,337.59	-0-

- At December 31st, 2004, the Scholarship Fund was \$116,629.75 with \$3,900.0 payable to young scholars.

December 31, 2004

Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	INCOME Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
-0-	66,784.93	1,781.02	1,353.17	-0-	3,134.19
-0-	30,000.00	-0-	334.37	-0-	334.37
-0-	96,784.93	1,781.02	1,687.54	-0-	3,468.56
-0-	6,558.32	-0-	125.32	(125.32)	-0-
11,013.09	-0-	(104.82)	19.34	(19.34)	-0-
8,413.00	6,152.13	-0-	201.88	(201.88)	-0-
-0-	40,603.52	-0-	546.50	(546.50)	-0-
-0-	2,220.17	-0-	42.42	(42.42)	-0-
-0-	1,492.67	-0-	28.52	(28.52)	-0-
-0-	11,720.27	-0-	223.95	(223.95)	-0-
31,793.00	17,286.75	-0-	937.82	(937.82)	-0-
-0-	46,876.55	-0-	895.74	(895.74)	-0-
-0-	74,403.26	-0-	1,271.03	(1,271.03)	-0-
-0-	21,427.39	-0-	275.67	(275.67)	-0-
-0-	5,207.78	-0-	49.51	(49.51)	-0-
(40,206.00)	244,961.90	-0-	4,667.70	(4,667.70)	-0-
-0-	14,798.31	-0-	116.94	(116.94)	-0-
154,153.12	35,742.69	-0-	1,049.04	(1,6049.04)	-0-
4,233.00	19,305.78	-0-	306.74	(306.74)	-0-
444.00	4,517.31	-0-	64.72	(64.72)	-0-
4,308.00	194,288.93	-0-	1,108.03	(1,108.03)	-0-
-0-	6,074.14	-0-	55.51	(55.51)	-0-
1,983.00	2,670.53	-0-	36.53	(36.53)	-0-
-0-	5,066.21	-0-	66.21	(66.21)	-0-
2,713.00	301.95	-0-	14.95	(14.95)	-0-
-0-	1,013.23	-0-	13.23	(13.23)	-0-
167,834.12	283,776.08	-0-	2,831.90	(2,831.90)	-0-
-0-	108,033.00	4,057.14	3,579.50	57,000.00	1,936.64
-0-	118,116.22	-0-	413.77	(413.77)	-0-
-0-	35,065.50	-0-	128.49	(128.49)	-0-

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2004

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on hand	\$20,143.81
Income due from trust funds	1,476.78
Prepaid assets (heating oil contract)	<u>1,053.12</u>
Total Assets	22,673.71

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	104.50
Accrued Payroll	<u>4,122.63</u>
Total Liabilities	4,227.63
Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	<u>18,446.58</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$22,673.21

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2004

REVENUES

From the Town of Franconia	\$59,617.00
From Trust Funds	10,157.37
From Other Trust Fund Donations	3,289.94
From Public Donations	410.00
From Copies, Fines, Lost Books, etc.	1,024.63
From Non-Resident Card Fees	1,155.00
From Bank Interest	23.60
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Total Revenues	\$75,677.57
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EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$22,438.74
Other Wages	20,878.70
Payroll Taxes	3,383.03
Books	6,262.36
Insurance – Health	4,715.00
– Business	1,104.00
Utilities	4,618.76
Office & Library Expenses	1,375.22
Computer Expenses	414.00
Bookkeeping	1,200.00
Equipment	619.90
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	1,377.22
Programs	781.62
Pension Funding	439.00
Dues	335.00
Training	100.00
Postage	186.93
Advertising	20.00
Mileage	117.98
Miscellaneous	690.72
Total Expenditures	<u>\$71,058.18</u>

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	(4,619.39)
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>13,827.19</u>
Ending Fund Equity	\$18,446.58

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Services: Items Loaned

Adult Fiction	4,699
Adult Non-Fiction	2,110
Juvenile Fiction	612
Juvenile Non-Fiction	269
Easy Reading	927
Youth Fiction	84
Youth Non-Fiction	16
Periodicals	714
Cassettes (Books on Tape)	863
Books on CD	38
CD's	143
Vertical File	22
Puzzles	12
Films	1
Videos	1,094
DVD's	43
Total	11,647

Accessions: Library Materials

Totals 12/31/04	22,825
Purchased 2004	
Books	154
Cassettes	3
Videos	4
DVD's	7
Books on CD	2
Gifts 2004:	
Books	52
Cassettes	13
Videos	6
CD's	1
Books on CD	15
Puzzles	0
Total Accessions:	257
Withdrawn	(524)
Total on 12/31/04	22,558

Borrowed from NH State Library	63
Borrowed from Other NH Libraries	359
Borrowed from Lafayette Regional School..	32
Loaned to Other NH Libraries.....	400
New Borrower Cards.....	91
.....	
Total Active Borrowers	721

Paperbacks Purchased	41
Paperbacks Gift	63
Periodicals Purchased.....	33
Periodicals Gift.....	12
Newspapers.....	4
Adult Programs.....	11
Children's Programs.....	27

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Funds, Checking Accounts & Income Earned Thereon
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
	Balance Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	\$55,120.15	\$1,936.69	\$.00	\$4,100.00	\$52,956.84	\$.00	\$.00	\$52,956.84
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	30,794.11	.00	.00	.00	30,000.00	1,281.11	1,281.11	30,000.00
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	70,827.74	.00	.00	.00	70,827.74	2,154.87	2,154.87	70,827.74
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	49,368.94	.00	.00	.00	49,368.94	2,293.08	2,293.08	49,368.94
Phillips Fund	5,022.54	15.64	.00	.00	5,038.18	.00	.00	5,038.18
J.C. Blair Fund	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	9.06	.00	2,590.31
J.C. Blair Fund	9,683.88	87.42	.00	.00	9,771.30	.00	.00	9,771.30
J.C. Blair Fund	13,198.45	259.03	.00	.00	13,457.48	828.31	828.31	13,457.48
Karl Schaffer Fund	9,051.32	448.26	.00	.00	9,499.58	.00	.00	9,499.58
Holt	5,780.00	.00	.00	.00	5,780.00	154.21	.00	6,944.32
TOTALS	\$251,347.13	\$2,747.04	\$.00	\$4,100.00	\$249,200.06	\$6,720.64	\$6,557.37	\$250,454.69

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the officers of the department for all of their hard work during 2004. They are very dedicated to serving the community and don't always receive the thanks that they deserve.

The Franconia Police Department continues to try to improve the service we provide for the community. In 2004, we were able to apply for and receive 2 Automated Electronic Defibrillators, one for each cruiser. This was at no cost to the town. This will allow us to respond to potential heart attacks and provide assistance until the Emergency Medical Services arrive on scene.

We are still trying to get funding for the building expansion and will propose it again at this year's town meeting. As most of you are aware, we are in desperate need for more office space. Our current space is grossly inadequate for the safety of the officers that serve you. There have been many public hearings and those of you who have come to visit with us at the station have asked many good questions and have learned more about what we do. I would like to thank those of you who have stopped by and expressed your support for this important project and I hope I will have more support by Town Meeting.

I continue to see the new houses being built in Town. Franconia has changed in the 16 years that I have been with the department. We continue to be a tourist based community and not only serve the townspeople but those that visit the area also. This unfortunately puts the burden on the taxpayers to provide services for the tourists. We are sworn to protect and serve all that are within the town at any given time.

Here is a partial listing of the activity of the Police Department in 2004.

Summary of Activity

Total Calls for Service	674
Criminal Investigations.....	128
Felony Cases	21
Assaults	8
Burglary	4
Computer Crime.....	1
Domestic Violence.....	6
Theft	23
Theft from Building	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle.....	4
Criminal Mischief	27
Criminal Trespass	8
Sexual Assaults	1
Bad Checks	3
Fraud	11
Juvenile Cases	1
Alarms.....	35

Traffic Summons	62
Traffic Warnings	122
Accidents.....	50
Fatal Accidents.....	2
Aid to Life Squad.....	25
Aid to Fire Department.	27
Aid to State Police	17
Aid to Other Agencies	65
Aid to Public	42
Dog Complaints	1
911 Calls	42
Open Doors/Windows.....	12

I would like to thank the townspeople for their support in 2004. I look forward to serving the community in 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Mark Montminy
Franconia Police Department

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you again.

The Highway Department this year accomplished a number of projects. This would include the paving of Mittersill Resort, reclamation and paving of ½ of the Wells Road, and the rebuilding and paving of 1800 ft of Old County Road. We also as a town came into compliance with 911 by installing all new street signs and post for the entire town. Work has also started and is an on going process at the highway garage itself. We installed a 600-gallon tank for run off and we got rid of the gas pump. We had electrical work done, and did all around clean up and general maintenance of the area. We are also now working with other towns to accomplish community needs. This has been a great asset.

Our goals for the up coming year are to keep our paving projects on going. The main concentration will be on the much needed ditching of the roads and replacement of culverts. We would like to thank the townspeople for their support. Again, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Knowlton, Road Agent
Franconia Highway Department

The Town would like to acknowledge the passing of Bill Lovett on December 10, 2004. Bill worked in the Highway Department from 1977 to 1986.

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2004, the citizens of Franconia saved at least one life. Businesses and individuals donated items for a raffle to raise funds for the purchase of a Hurst Tool. The total cost of the “Jaws of Life” was approximately \$18,000.00. Public funding from the town and a state grant covered about a third of this amount. The rest was raised by the raffle and other private donations.

We took delivery of the tool and soon were summoned to an automobile mishap. Our crew used the new tool to extricate an accident victim who would have certainly perished if we did not have this vital equipment. It’s great to know that, when a call comes, we will be prepared. It’s great to know that your voluntary donations made it possible.

Your fire department logged a record number of 119 calls for the year 2004. This compares to 105 calls for the year 2003, 118 calls for 2002 and 106 calls for 2001. Emergency response consumed more than 1,300 man-hours in 2004 – another record – an increase of 100 man-hours from 2003, and an increase of 200 hours from 2002.

The department roster averaged 21 members in 2004. We need more. We welcome new members, young and old. It was our privilege, in 2004, to recognize our most senior member, Captain Don Eastman, for his more than 45 years of service on the department. Don turned 80 in October 2004. He serves as department treasurer and remains one of our most active responders. It’s a privilege to serve with citizens of Don’s caliber. Give us a call, and discover why people like Don continue to serve.

Franconia had one structure fire in 2004: a residence on Route 116. There were no injuries, and the department performed professionally. We thank the police department and Life Squad for their cooperation in this and other incidents. We also owe recognition to the support we receive from neighboring departments through the Twin State Mutual Aid System.

	2003	2004
Motor Vehicle Calls	47	54
Alarm Activation	22	18
Mutual Aid Calls	28	14

Miscellaneous calls involved trees on wires, smoke investigations, brush fires, etc. Seven of the motor vehicle calls involved moose collisions. Two involved deer and one involved a bear.

Franconia’s safety services have become part of the national effort in the war on terror. Washington and Concord continue to warn us of new hazards and contingencies, and we try to keep our training and equipment consistent with these advisories.

The FFD recognize the sacrifice of our friends, relatives and neighbors who are serving in the nation’s defense by selling magnetic ribbons. This raised almost \$2,000.00, which allowed us to send packages overseas and cash to the support group for our local National Guard Battery. We, as a department, want every person serving our country to understand how deeply we appreciate their sacrifice.

As chief, I am obligated to emphasize that prevention is the most important job of any fire department. In 2004, with our property inspection program, we continued to help citizens to understand fire codes and bring their properties in conformance. We thank Franconia citizens for checking their smoke alarms and cleaning their chimneys.

Finally, being a firefighter is not easy, but Franconia firefighters enter 2005 knowing that our fellow citizens have generously provided us the tools we need to save lives. Again, we salute you.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Odell, Chief

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Franconia Life Squad responded to 151 calls in 2004, EMS personnel responded to 107 calls in Franconia, 25 calls in Sugar Hill, 14 calls in Easton, 4 calls in Bethlehem, and 1 call in Lincoln.

We welcomed three new EMT's in 2004 bringing our current membership to fourteen. We have four members who certified as Water Rescue Technicians, Two members who certified as Swift Water Technicians, Three members that certified as Ice/Rescue Technicians, and we have two members who are certified Open Water Divers.

We would like to thank the residents and the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton for there continued support!

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Wright,
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

Motor Vehicle Accidents	46
Motor Vehicle Fatal	2
Snowmobile Accidents	3
Motorcycle Accidents	6
Assault	3
Attempted Suicide	3
Wilderness	3
Fire Assist	6
Bicycle	2
Medical	70
Missing Person	1
Lifeline Activation	3
Untimely Death	3

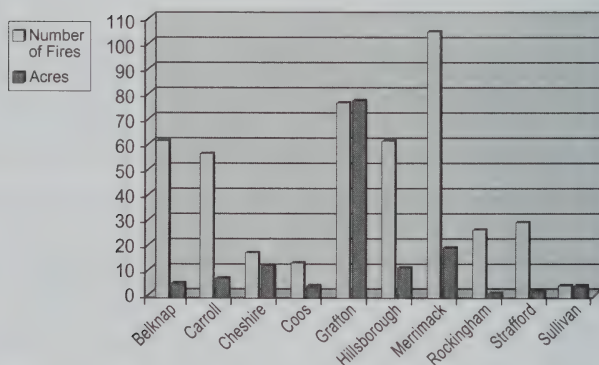
REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Permits are required year round in Franconia. Contact the Fire Warden, Deputies, or the Fire Chief. No permit will be issued without an on site inspection.

In 2004, 143 permits were issued. No permitted fires ever became out of control.

Thank you for your cooperation,
George Whitcomb
Forest Fire Warden

2004 Fire Statistics (All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

One of the happier situations for a transfer station to be in is for garbage to be down and recycling up. Such was the case in 2004. Garbage wasn't actually down but instead of the normal 5 percent increase, the increase for 2004 was 7 tons, slightly more than one percent. Additionally, due to a drop in our tipping fee, trash disposal cost \$39,009 – down \$2,858 from 2003. Construction and demolition debris saw a huge 41% increase but we were able to offset this added cost with the fees collected for these items.

Recycling rebounded nicely, pushing our recycling rate back over 40%. Markets for all recyclables remained strong throughout the year. In March we began sorting out deposit bottles and had received over \$26,000, an \$11,000 increase over 2003.

We recycled:

- 209 - Tons of paper products
- 9 - Tons of plastic
- 6 - Tons of aluminum cans
- 54 - Tons of scrap metal
- 95 - Tons of glass

The 2005 household hazardous waste collection will be held on Saturday, June 18th, 2005 at the Littleton Fire Station. Please contact us at the transfer station for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Marshall
Transfer Station Manager

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative finding, and grants variances to the Town's Zoning Ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant an exception for use in keeping with certain provisions of the Ordinance.

In 2004, the ZBA (i) granted a setback variance to Richard and Martha McLeod, according to Article 3, Section 2 of the Ordinance, for the purpose of adding a porch onto their house, (M21/L17); and (ii) revised the ZBA by-laws.

The Board was notified that their 2003 decision to approve a request for a Special Exception to Ken King III and 383 Main Street, LLC (see ZBA Report, 2003 Franconia Town Report, page 49) was appealed by Sam and Carol Ronci to the State Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,
George Roorbach, Chairman

PLANNING BOARD

New Developments in 2004

Subdivisions – The following subdivisions were approved:

- Kenneth McCord, 2-Lot minor subdivision, Iron Foundry Road
- Kenneth McCord, 3-Lot minor subdivision, Iron Foundry Road
- Joel McKenzie, 4-Lot major subdivision, Wells Road
- Thaddeus & Joselle Presby, 2-Lot minor subdivision, Route 18
- Ugo Enterprises, Inc., 12-Lot major subdivision, Butterhill Road
- Stony Hill Realty Trust, 2-Lot minor subdivision, Route 18
- Jeffrey Elliott, 8-Lot major subdivision, Easton Road
- Forest Hills Associates, 2-Lot major subdivision, Route 142

Lot-Line Adjustments – The following lot-line adjustment was approved:

- Kenneth McCord, Iron Foundry Road
- Joel McKenzie, Wells Road
- Carolyn & Raymond Holland and Janice Rupert & James Allan, Lafayette Road

The Planning Board had a very busy year in addition to the subdivision applications and lot line adjustments. The Board sent out a public survey in preparation for updating the Town's Master Plan. We received 627 surveys or over 50% of the total surveys mailed. The responses have been compiled and we are beginning the process of reviewing the information. The Planning Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey.

The Planning Board also oversaw the development of the Capital Improvements Program Committee (CIPC). The CIPC is an ongoing addition to the planning process for the town. Several community members served on the Committee including Jim Hamblin (Chairman), Mary Fowler, Leah Carey, Ken Ford, Rick Gaudette, and Carl Belz. The Committee accomplished a great deal of work in a very short period of time. They are to be commended for their efforts.

The Planning Board and CIPC are always interested in hearing input from members of the community. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with your thoughts about our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Plant, Chairman

FRANCONIA & MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENTS

The Water Department has reached the end of the year within budget. The weather has been favorable with an abundance of rain and, for the first time in several years, there has been no water restriction at Mittersill.

A well was refracted at Mittersill last year to try to increase its yield. Testing will be done on this well in the spring of 2005 and hopefully there will be a positive result. There was one substantial capital improvement project in Franconia on Profile Road near Fransted Campground. This work should help to eliminate problems in the future. There were only a few leaks, which have been quickly fixed and all main lines are holding.

Our new computer program has been in use for a year now with a few glitches, which are being addressed. We thank Patty Clark, our new Tax Collector, for taking on this added responsibility and working through the problems with us.

The Clean Water Act continues to drive up our expenses. There is a lot of required testing which needs to be done, but it does insure that our drinking water is safe to drink.

A plan for the installation of water meters is being discussed. There have been several meetings to discuss what equipment is needed, how funding will be set up. There will be scheduling public meetings to inform the town's people about this project, and to address any questions. Hopefully, this will lead to the installation of meters throughout the system in a few years.

We thank you for your continued support!

Water Commissioners,

Richard McLachlin
Bill Downey,
Marcia Graham

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The following projects were completed by the Franconia Conservation Commission during 2004:

- With help from volunteers, cleaned out stream between Main Street and Route 93
- Planted trees at a Splude's Place boundary
- Replanted Triangle at intersection of Routes 18 and 116
- Replanted a section of Triangle at entrance to Lafayette School
- Had a section of boundary at Fox Hill Park Surveyed
- At Fox Hill Park, with permission of SPNHF created a view to Cannon Mt. called Ian's View.
- At Fox Hill Park continued work on new trail near newly surveyed boundary
- Cleaned up blow-downs at Gale River Bend Trail

Donations from the White Mountain Garden Club used for beautification of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Welch, Chairman

Richard Bennink
Kim Cowles

Mary Grote
John Lefavour
Kathryn McCarthy

J. Bradley Smith
Elizabeth Welch

RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Town Recreation Program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteer coaches, officials parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton.

Our 2003-2004 basketball season went extremely well, 3rd & 4th grade boys team dominated area basketball teams, later combining with Bethlehem to create a powerhouse team that went on to many tournaments. The girls team got together occasionally to play lacked enough players for a full team. 5th & 6th grade teams played several games. The girls team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would see soon at Profile. The 5th & 6th grade boys team enjoyed playing, a little short on players for the weekends due to FSC skiing, everyone gave 110% every time.

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. A t-ball team, two farm league teams, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and a major league softball completed our roster. Many of our coaches continued to coach and many players continued to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Many thanks to the coaches and umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full 8 weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. We met several new students this summer that had the chance to meet kids in their own grade even before school started! Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, indoor roller-skating, Polar Caves and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer campers pre-school through third grade. Water Safety instructions were on the Tuesdays we were able to be at Echo Lake for the day. Themed weeks and all camp activities kept everyone busy all summer.

Jean Serino also has taught swim lessons in the fall at the Franconia Village Hotel and in the spring at Stonybrook Motel and Lodge for students at Lafayette Regional School. Thank you to both of those businesses for allowing us the use of your pools and we hope we can continue to work together.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the field for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use a smaller field and goals at the school where the older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to the referee's, coaches and parent volunteers who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

The Recreation Committee, with the Town of Franconia's approval, has submitted an application to the State of New Hampshire's Land and Water Conservation Fund program for grant monies to not only level the far end of the Dow Strip for additional playing fields, but to replace the current playground equipment and improve landscaping on the Dow Strip.

This winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see many of you out there with you skates on and ready for a good time. We are looking to bring back "Family Night" at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you'll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at the Franconia Village House Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year!

Respectfully Submitted, Kris Germain, Recreation Director & The Tri-Town Recreation Committee

Easton: Brian Canealas & Mike Kinney

Franconia: Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm & William "Red" McCarthy

Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

**FRANCONIA AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Calendar Year End 2004**

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2004) **\$9,131.18**

INCOME

Membership Dues 12,325.00
Brochure Mailings 497.00

Town Funds

Franconia	10,000.00	
Sugar Hill	6,500.00	
Easton	<u>365.00</u>	16,865.00
		28.16

Interest Earned

Fundraisers:

Antique Show	2,010.00	
Frostbite Follies	-0-	
Lupine Festival	<u>8,688.50</u>	10,698.50

Miscellaneous

Total **\$40,413.66**

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:

Payroll	11,723.64
Telephone	2,088.80
Telephone Answering Service	
Electricity	172.66
Office	1,058.87
Postage	1,033.30
Advertising	3,500.00
IRS (Payroll Taxes)	1,319.50
Bank Fees	
Insurance	1,118.00
Internet	572.60

Non-Booth Expenses:

Salary	
Administrative Office Expense	649.15
Telephone	177.77
Dues & Subscriptions	115.00
Lupine Festival	6,014.30
Miscellaneous	46.64
Donations	
Services	<u>155.00</u>

Total **\$29,745.23**

ENDING BALANCE (December 31, 2004) **\$19,799.61**

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the three towns for their continued support (Franconia, Sugar Hill & Easton).

We printed an expanded 12 page full color brochure that we send out to all our inquires that show the beauty and uniqueness of the area along with a listing of chamber members. Our web page is being constantly updated to make it as fresh as possible. The number of hits kept increasing over the last year. You can check out our website at www.franconianotch.org. During the 2004 season we have continued to staff the Franconia information booth from May to October. We have assisted many visitors with information, directions, area reservations and many other services. We continue to respond to man phone and mail inquiries for area information services and referrals.

We organize and conduct the following events and festivals:

The Annual Frostbite Follies Winter Carnival
The 17th Annual Old Men of the Mountain Rugby Festival
The 11th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival
The Fall Antique Show

The events highlight our beautiful area. They have attracted more visitors to our towns and subsequently provided jobs, economic growth and tax revenue to our communities. We welcome inputs and ideas. We hope to involve more businesses that aren't just hospitality related. The monthly meeting is held the second of Tuesdays of every month at 10:00 a.m. at area businesses. Please join us in helping improve our area's Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber operates on a cash basis and not all events have been booked as of year end. Other than funds received from dues and town funds the remainder of the income is from members to support the chamber's other activities as outlined above.

THE FROST PLACE

The Frost Place 2004 season went very well. The summer programs had a record number of participants from across the country, and the poetry readings each evening were attended by over 80 people. Despite a state-wide down-turn in tourist traffic this autumn, The Frost Place did reasonably well.

A participant in this summer's Festival of Poetry quoted in his college newspaper, the 2004 resident poet Major Jackson:

Poets are in the business of life and creation, memory and celebration, tenderness and reconciliation.

The participant (a faculty member at his college) went to say: "Poets are also in the business of challenging, provoking, and disturbing us to think, feel, and imagine what we couldn't without them, sometimes critically, sometimes sympathetically". Robert Frost would wonderfully concur with both of these Frost Place poets.

This coming summer in 2005 will be the 29th season. The resident poet will be award-winning Ms. Laura Kasischke, from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is thrilled and honored to be the resident poet. She will be joined by a prestigious faculty to teach at the 27th Festival of Poetry, including Frost Place Chairman, poet and novelist, Sydney Lea, Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Carl Dennis, and poet Sarah Gorham, founder of the Sarabande Press, and whose husband, poet Jeffrey Skinner, was the 1997 resident poet at The Frost Place.

Also, on Sunday, July 10th at 3:00 p.m., the North Country Chamber Players will give a concert at The Frost Place as part of the 27th Robert Frost Day in New Hampshire.

Finally, the positive economic impact of The Frost Place upon the Franconia and surrounding community continues to grow. In 2004, The Frost Place drew nearly \$300,000.00 into the local area.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sheehan
Executive Director

FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM AND IRON FURNACE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The year 2004 was a year of reflection and evaluation. Under the guidance of Peter Lipson we are finalizing a "Strategic Plan" to lead us into the future. We now have a better understanding of our ongoing responsibilities to the community, our short term as well as long term goals. In order to help us to fulfill our responsibilities and achieve our goals we have added two new members to our Board of Directors.

The Museum collection continues to grow due to the generosity of twenty nine individual donors. Among the significant gifts in 2004 were a collection of nine pictographs of the White Mountains from Charles Nessler, a 45 star American Flag from Winifred Foss, . B. Parker's general store day book from Ray Martin, Philip Robertson's Franconia College collection, an envelope postmarked from the Profile House in 1857, a portrait of Lydia Brooks and other Brooks artifacts by Cynthia Walker, an 1838 letter from Stow Academy certifying Horace Brooks Qualification as a teacher.

The Franconia Area Heritage Council purchased an oil painting executed in 1894 by W. Staples Drown. The painting depicts the town's industrial area along the Gale River as it was in the early 1800's. \$1,200.00 of the total cost of \$2,500.00 was provided by local donors.

Spring and Fall work days accomplish many chores that are needed to preserve and improve upon our infrastructure. It is our intention, in the coming year to carry out more of the recommendations made last year by preservation architect Randy Mudge. In an effort to maintain the view of the Stone Stack volunteers cleared brush from the site and removed vegetation from the stack itself. It remains our goal is to see the Stone Stack become town property.

Last year we sponsored a snow man making contest for children in conjunction with Frostbite Follies. We held a garden party. Our plant sale was a new effort this year. It will become an annual event. We published our newsletters on schedule. We participated in the "Old Home Day" parade.

The Museum was open on Thursday and Saturday afternoons year round. Additionally, we are open on those two mornings during the summer. Our 2004 exhibit "Franconia History by Decades" will remain through 2005. By the end of the year membership stood at 113. We received 433 visitors to the Museum, and 392 visitors to the Interpretive Center in 2004.

A \$3,500.00 State grant paid for the professional preservation of Old Man documents in our collection.

Plymouth State University graduate student Terri Drew will begin an internship with us starting in March 2005. Two students of White Mountain School fulfilled their community service requirement by each contributing sixteen hours to the Museum.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ernest Hansberger, President
Franconia Area Heritage Council

Board of Directors 2004-2005: Philip Krill, VP; Beverly Taksar, Recording Secretary; Muriel Manghue, Treasurer; Beatrice Hunt, Corresponding Secretary; Amy Bahr, Timothy Brown, Hasu Dave, Bruce Dinner, Eugene Frechette, Jewell Friedman, Curator: Perer Lipson: Kay Whitcomb: Shirley Lyman, Emeritus: David Schaffer, Honorary.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Maiden Name
January 15, 2004 Littleton, NH	Grace Emily Burnell	Timothy Burnell Cynthia Burnell
February 26, 2004 Littleton, NH	Kotie Rae Robinson	Christina Garland
April 13, 2004 Littleton, NH	Jack Thomas Price	Eric Price Andrea Price
April 19, 2004 Littleton, NH	Kara Lee Goyette	Jeremy Goyette Jennifer Loura
April 20, 2004 Littleton, NH	Hannah Glenna Davis	Jason Davis Karen Bean
May 27, 2004 Littleton, NH	Livian May White	David White Anik White
June 29, 2004 Littleton, NH	Persia Helen Lovett	Nathan Lovett Laura Guccione
September 18, 2004 Littleton, NH	Liam Shaw Downey	William Downey Lucy Downey
October 16, 2004 Littleton, NH	Aiden Rose Kerrigan	Andrew Kerrigan Sarah Kerrigan
October 21, 2004 Littleton, NH	Carol Nicole Jordan	Lynn ODonnell

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
February 14, 2004 Bethlehem, NH	Gerald J. Burns Mara Gleichner	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
May 22, 2004 Lancaster, NH	Jeremy A. Donovan Jessica E. Densmore	Brookline, MA Brookline, MA
July 17, 2004 Franconia, NH	Paul S. Ricotta Melanie M. Rosay	Lexington, MA Lexington, MA
July 24, 2004 Franconia, NH	John P. Muse Patricia A. Mortz	Jupiter, FL Jupiter, FL

July 31, 2004 Sugar Hill, NH	William J. VanZandt Kendra A. Cardinal	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
August 4, 2004 Lisbon, NH	Kip L. Robinson Christina A. Garland	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
August 8, 2004 Franconia, NH	Scott G. Rice Margaret O'Malley	N. Woodstock, NH N. Woodstock, NH
October 2, 2004 Franconia, NH	Christopher DuBois Emily B. Belz	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA
November 20, 2004 Sugar Hill, NH	Richard C. Reno Jacalyn S. Jones	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2004**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 6, 2004 Franconia, NH	Ruth Swanson	Alfred Lamberg	Hilda Lamberg
January 9, 2004 Franconia, NH	Arelene Hoik	John Hoik	Sara Fowler
January 16, 2004 Franconia, NH	Helen Soper	Harry Soper	Ada Michen
February 4, 2004 Franconia, NH	Guy Robinson	Ferguson Robinson	Agnes Wessman
February 7, 2004 Franconia, NH	Byron Cascadden	William Cascadden	Dora Biron
February 19, 2004 Franconia, NH	Beatrice Renaud	Narcisse Renaud	Lydia Painchaud
February 26, 2004 Franconia, NH	Rachel Ford	Joseph Gautenkauf	Elizabeth Kellogg
March 22, 2004 Franconia, NH	Paul Chereskoff	Peter Crereskoff	Antonia (Unknown)
March 30, 2004 Franconia, NH	Ruth Dezan	Arthur Cooper	Evelyn Fenoff

April 29, 2004 Franconia, NH	Robert Finn	William Finn	Agnes Barnes
August 22, 2004 Franconia, NH	Andree Yule	Gaston Costet	Marie Faltot
November 4, 2004 Franconia, NH	Klara Hold	unknown	unknown
November 12, 2004 Franconia, NH	Florence Parker	James Stewart	Catherine Queeny
November 15, 2004 Franconia, NH	Lois Martin	William Walsworth	Jennie (unknown)
November 26, 2004 Franconia, NH	Elizabeth Parks	Ernest Miles	Ola Swazey
December 10, 2004 Franconia, NH	William Lovett	Charles Lovett	Ellen Murphy
December 13, 2004 Franconia, NH	Rena Doucet	Edward Whalen	Mary Kinsella
December 16, 2004 Franconia, NH	N. Kluster	Lloyd Fry	Enola Strausser
December 19, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Ariel Schaffer	Carol Williams	Gertrude Marshall
December 20, 2004 Franconia, NH	Roger Peabody	Roland Peabody	Nina Whipple
December 29, 2004 Norwood, MA	Vidyagauri Dave	Karunashanker Dave	Reva Rawal

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TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-7752

DAILY	12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (Monday)	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

TUESDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

TUESDAY (2nd each month)	7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY (office hours)	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

MONDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

MONDAY	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (November - April)	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (May - October)	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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